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SONGKHLA HAS SUBMITTED THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM ON ELECTORAL PROSPECTS IN THE SOUTHERN PROVINCES TO WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION. THE SOUTH WILL HAVE 33 SEATS IN THE NEW 269 SEAT PARLIAMENT. SONGKHLA ESTIMATES THAT CLOSE TO HALF WILL GO TO THE DEMOCRAT PARTY. THE REMAKES OF THE UNITED THAI PEOPLE'S PARTY, PARTICULARLY THE SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTY, WILL PREVENT A FULL SWEEP. SONGKHLA'S AIRGRAM GOES OVER THE ELECTION PROVINCE BY PROVINCE, MAKING BIOGRAPHIC COMMENTS ALONG THE WAY. SONGKHLA DESCRIBES CAMPAIGN TACTICS, AND CONFIRMS THE ADAGE THAT PERSONALITY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN PARTY. SONGKHLA ARGUES THAT SINO-THAI HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF SUCCESSFUL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTH. A NUMBER OF FORMER PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE SINO-THAI, SO THE NEW NATIONALITY LAW IS NOT THE BOON IN THE SOUTH IT MAY BE IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY.

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